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- The two important manganese mines in Hungary are in Urkut and in Epleny, both in the Transdamubia. Despite efforts, in recent years, to raise the output from these mines, the level of production has remained about constant.
- 2. Official figures quote as output 112,300 tons for 1947 and 121,000 tons for 1954. These quantities are, however, of great importance to the Bastern Bloc, since they exceed the Hungarian needs and about half of the total output can be exported by Hungary mostly to Csechoslovakia.

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- 3. The attempt to force an increase in output in these mines has led to a deterioration in quality, since much dust and low-grade ore is extracted as well, which later leads to manufacturing difficulties.
- 4. The ore is refined mainly in the metallurgical factories of Dissystr and Ond, where most alloys and steel are produced. It is here that the great proportion of dust causes most of the production difficulties.
- 5. The mine at Epleny is nearing depletion. Its annual output of 30 35,000 tons can not be increased. It was therefore of great benefit to the Hungarian economy that a new manganese iron-ore field has been discovered near the old mine. With the production from the new field, the 1956 output at Epleny is expected to surpass previous annual outputs.
- The need for an increase in manganese production in Hungary is important because of the absence of vanadium, molybdenum, wolfram, and chrome, for which constant search is being made. However, no deposits of these have so far been found.

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